

The first book bought on Amazon was called “Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies: Computer Models of the Fundamental Mechanisms of Thought” by Douglas Hofstadter.

Libraries & Ideas

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Explosions? Snakes? Dinosaurs? These are probably not the first things that come to mind when you think of the library. They, however, and much more, were part of the Summer Reading Program last year. Kids were inspired with special presentations by many local visitors. The Edgerton Explorit Center helped kids learn about some well-known and not-so-well-known scientists and finished off with an explosion that left the audience awing with excitement. The Magical Paradise Exotic Farm brought along some friendly creatures that participants could admire and even pet. The Omaha Children’s Museum brought historic creatures to “life” with their dinosaur programming. Presentations like these lured guests in and filled the Children’s Room jam packed to the point that many people had to stand and squeeze together in order to allow room for everyone. This year’s program titled “On your mark, get set, READ!” also promises many engaging components. Opportunities like the Summer Reading Program help kids keep learning and reading through the summer months. Registration opens on May 31 and the program ends on July 29.

You don’t have to wait until summer though, to have children get involved with reading. The Columbus Public Library is offering a wide array of activities in which children can currently participate in. Starting with “Monday Night Book Adventures” on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, kids can come from 6:30-

7:30 PM to enjoy stories, crafts and even a bedtime snack. On Thursdays, there is “Story Time & Story Art” with Mr. H and Miss Peggy. There are two sessions kids can enjoy: 10:30am-12:00pm or 1:30-3:00pm. There are also two “Super Sensational Saturdays” left for the school year. On April 2 and May 14, children can stop by for some fun activities and snacks.

The Children’s Room provides some regular year-round enjoyment too. Visitors can enjoy reading a book at one of the several chairs and couches that are available. This is something I have done with my own children many times and seems to never get old. The Lego and the coloring tables provide an additional means of diversion for the smaller ones. Animals, both living and stuffed, make the environment more welcoming and friendly. The fish in the aquarium and the birds in the cage get that childhood wonder ready for an adventure!

Parents should take advantage of each one of these opportunities to help their children find their love for reading. For more information or if you have questions on these and other children’s activities, please contact Brad Hruska (Mr. H), the Children’s Librarian, at (402) 564-7116 option 4.



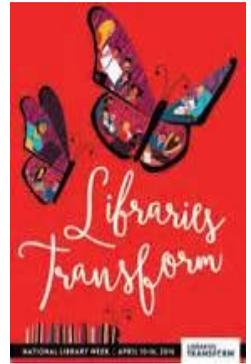
Calendar Connection

Between March 15th and May 15th, come in to the library to play Dash For the Stash! You can win \$1,000 to open an IRA or add to an existing one. All you have to do is read four posters to learn about investing. Then you scan the QR



codes to receive quiz questions. Answer all four questions correctly and you may be a winner! Come in to the library for details on this promotion from the Investor Protection Institute.

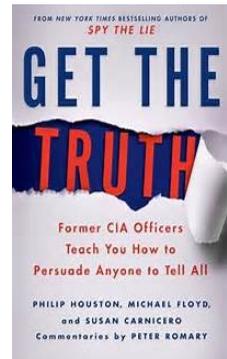
Drop by this week to help us celebrate National Library Week. Through Saturday, we will have a “blind date with a book” display set up. The books are covered in wrapping paper with just a brief description of the book on the front. You may just find a new favorite author or genre! On Friday, we will be serving coffee and cookies all day, so come in and show your support of our library!



This Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, Columbus native Mike Floyd will be back to talk about his newest best-selling book, “Get The Truth”. Mike began his career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Military Police, serving in the United States and Asia. After spending 6 years on the staff of John E. Reid & Associates as a polygraph examiner and instructor on detection of deception, interviewing and interrogation, he subsequently served as an Officer with the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. Throughout a career that has spanned more than 40 years, he has conducted over 8,000 interviews and interrogations worldwide. Mike is the founder of Advanced Polygraph Services,



where he spent 10 years conducting high-profile interviews and interrogations for law enforcement agencies, law firms, and private industry. He has most recently been involved in providing training and consulting services in the areas of detection of deception and information collection to firms in the financial services and audit communities. This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library.



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Come out of the wind and visit the library for some of our awesome weekly programs. As to be expected, Mr. H has planned all the stories and activities around kid-friendly topics. After the programs, explore the Children's Room. There have been many new books and DVD's added recently. You can also let you child play at the Lego table, color in the Coloring Zone, use the iPads or computers, or just cuddle up with some stuffed animals. For the older kids participating in our Word Warriors program, we will have a raffle for a new book on April 27th, so keep reading and entering those tickets!

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

April 14th– Bedtime/Naptime

Story ART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

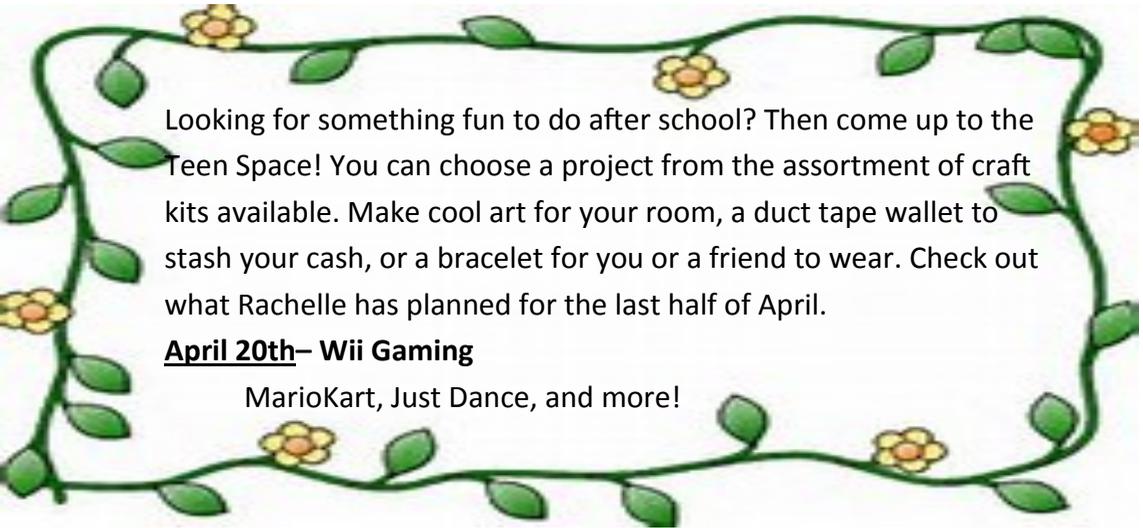
April 21st- Spring

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

April 25th– Cows

There will be stories about cows, crafts, and yummy bedtime snacks!



Looking for something fun to do after school? Then come up to the Teen Space! You can choose a project from the assortment of craft kits available. Make cool art for your room, a duct tape wallet to stash your cash, or a bracelet for you or a friend to wear. Check out what Rachelle has planned for the last half of April.

April 20th– Wii Gaming

MarioKart, Just Dance, and more!

Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

Alone in the Dark– Karen Rose

Luther and Katharina– Jody Hedlund

Brush of Wings– Karen Kingsbury

Off The Grid– C.J. Box

Clawback– J.A. Jance

Predator: a Crossbow Adventure– Wilbur Smith

Deep Blue– Randy Wayne White

Property of a Noblewoman– Danielle Steel

Far From True– Linwood Barclay

The Restoration– Wanda E. Brunstetter

Fool Me Once– Harlan Coben

Spider Game– Christine Feehan

The Friends We Keep– Susan Mallery

Time of Fog and Fire– Rhys Bowen

Gone Again– James Grippando

Treachery at Lancaster Gate– Anne Perry

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Gertrude Chandler Warner– April 16, 1890

Keith DeCandido– April 18, 1969

Charlotte Bronte– April 21, 1816

Arthur Phillips– April 23, 1969

Ruth Glick– April 27, 1942



Good friends, good books, and a sleepy
conscience: this is the ideal life– Mark Twain

